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Our Mission

Augustana College, rooted in the liberal arts and sciences and a Lutheran expression of the Christian faith, is committed to offering a challenging education that develops qualities of mind, spirit and body necessary for a rewarding life of leadership and service in a diverse and changing world.

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Liberal arts degree 'tech's hottest ticket'



A headline in the August 17, 2015, issue of *Forbes* magazine declares, "That 'Useless' Liberal Arts Degree Has Become Tech's Hottest Ticket." In the article, writer George Anders talks with the CEO of a \$300 million tech firm who uses communication skills honed as a philosophy major to grow his business. Anders also found that employers like Deloitte are moving their job searches from STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) to STEAM (he added A for Arts) because, as one exec put it, "It's not enough to be technologically brilliant."

Well and good; but at the same time, we see a stream of news stories about liberal arts colleges cutting staff, closing programs and generally retreating from the humanities.

If you're reading this message in this magazine, then chances are very good that you are deeply vested in discerning which of these two currents is stronger, and which will carry the future in its wake.

In January, the Augustana College Board of Trustees held a planning retreat with leaders of Augustana's faculty to discuss how we might best navigate uncertain waters ahead. The exchange of ideas was lively and engaging and did much to sustain a tone of collegiality and collaboration that's been a hallmark of shared governance at Augustana College.

Dr. Meg Gillette, associate professor of English, presented a paper noting the new majors that have grown from, and with, humanities departments. Programs such as creative writing, graphic design, multimedia journalism/mass communication, neuroscience and anthropology all are attracting students, and each is linked closely with departments that have been part of Augustana for generations.

Dr. Gillette encourages continued investment in innovation, including "bridge projects" that might link the liberal arts to pre-professional and STEM fields.

In another paper presented at the retreat, Dr. Doug Parvin, associate professor of philosophy, argued for the importance of maintaining flexibility in hiring, noting that priority should go to positions that will serve Augustana's mission for decades to come, and do so both within and beyond any given major. Dr. Parvin also suggests that we be prepared to invest in programs "that both demonstrate excellence and tell stories about Augustana that speak to its mission and differentiate it from the crowd."

I'm grateful that Augustana's faculty members are using their considerable intellectual resources to help ensure the college will continue to thrive. There are indeed many challenges ahead for all of higher education, but I am confident that with this faculty, this board and your support, we will continue to fulfill the mission of Augustana College with vision and confidence.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C. Bahls". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven C. Bahls
President

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7th

IN THE NATION
AMONG ALL
NCAA DIVISIONS

* Basketball forward Ben Ryan '16 (biochemistry, pre-med) was named an Academic All-American on March 1.



Inside tips for alumni and their families

College Search 101 is an overnight visit event June 24-25 especially for Augustana alumni and employees and their high school-aged children. Families and students will get inside tips on the college search process, including what stands out in a winning college essay, what to look for when choosing the right college or university, and how to pursue opportunities in athletics and the fine arts. Participants can tour campus, stay overnight in Swanson Commons Residence Hall, and enjoy meals and entertainment with other Augustana "legacy" families. For more details and to register, visit augustana.edu/legacyevent.

Summer Academy welcomes high school students

From June 19-24, high school students have an opportunity to live on campus and attend classes at Augustana. Ranging from two to five days, courses at the college's annual Summer Academy take an active, hands-on approach within a close learning community.

Nearly 150 students attend Augustana Summer Academy every year, enrolling in a variety of college-style courses taught by popular Augustana professors. This year's instructors include Dr. Umme Al-wazedi, Dr. Mary Ellen Biggin, Dr. Greg Domski '03, Dr. Shara Stough, Peter Xiao and others.

Augustana's Summer Academy can help high school students discover a major field that appeals to both their skills and passions, and experience campus life. Registration closes May 1. For more details, see augustana.edu/summeracademy.

Augustana's student-athlete graduation rate is **90%**, which is 21 points greater than the Division III average of 69%.

Journalism alumni, students cover the caucuses

For months, presidential candidates flocked to Iowa, including the Quad Cities, to garner support for Iowa caucuses on Feb. 1. With Iowa just across the Mississippi River from campus, Augustana students and recent alumni had the opportunity to cover the caucuses for local news outlets.

- Daniel Williams '19 and Kaitlyn MacDonald '19 reported on the caucuses and Augustana students' political involvement for the *Augustana Observer*.
- Chloe Dale '16, Sam Dunklau '16 and Sarah Ritter '15 reported for WVIK-FM, Quad Cities NPR.
- On caucus night, James Stratton '13 was in Des Moines for the Quad Cities' NBC affiliate, KWQC-TV. He met several news icons, including NBC's Tom Brokaw, Matt Lauer and Chuck Todd. Also, the chair of Augustana's political science department, Dr. Christopher Whitt, is KWQC's political analyst, and he has appeared multiple times on its newscasts.
- Jack Cullen '13 covered the election as a reporter for the *Quad-City Times*.
- Angie Mitchum '08 Sharp reported on the caucuses from the anchor desk at WQAD-TV, the Quad Cities' ABC affiliate.

Building a more inclusive campus

During spring break, more than 70 members of the Augustana community participated in a training workshop for the Sustained Dialogue program, currently being used in schools and workplaces around the world.

"The goal of the Sustained Dialogue program is to improve relationships and build an inclusive community, as participants share their experiences related to class, race and ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and other topics," said Dr. Pareena Lawrence, provost of the college.

At the beginning of spring term, students, staff, faculty and administrators were invited to participate in either student-only (student-led with student participants) or blended (student/staff/faculty/administrator) Sustained Dialogue groups. Each group meets for 90 minutes a week, for nine weeks.

Not only is building a more integrated campus community valuable for all who study and work at Augustana, such an environment will help prepare students to thrive in a diverse and changing world, Dr. Lawrence added.

To see the Sustained Dialogue program in action, visit www.sustaineddialogue.org.

Summer choir* reunion celebrates 85 years (1931-1916)

Alumni from the Augustana Choir are invited to return to campus for a choir reunion on July 15-17.

The weekend will include a progressive reception in Bergendoff Hall, dinner in Wallenberg Hall, rehearsal time, campus tour, casual evening at Rock Island's Blue Cat Brew Pub and a special performance at the worship service on Sunday.

For more details and to register, see www.augustana.edu/choirreunion. Register before April 30 and receive a 10% discount.

* photos of the choir through the years on page 32



Three Vikings on the river... that's a Good Fit

For Augustana's award-winning Good Fit T-shirt Photo Contest, prospective students submit a photo of themselves wearing their Augustana T-shirt for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship. One of the contest categories is to be photographed with an Augustana graduate. Morgan Anderson's mother has been friends with two Augustana alumni for years, and they were more than happy to take a boat ride on the Mississippi River with Anderson, Class of 2020. Here's Anderson's contest entry of herself with Dr. Ann Boaden '67 and Dr. Dorothy Parkander '46.

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Commencement Speaker

Eric Christian Olsen, son of English professor Dr. Paul Olsen, portrays Detective Marty Deeks on "NCIS: Los Angeles."

Grant to fund Scandinavian studies

Augustana's Scandinavian studies program received a big boost from the motherland and soon will be hiring a new professor of Swedish.

The Marcus and Marianne Wallenberg Foundation, based in Stockholm, made a gift of \$816,000 to support Augustana's Department of Scandinavian Studies. Beginning this fall, the Wallenberg Foundation's gift will fund a full-time professor who will connect the college's Swedish heritage to today's students.

"Augustana has long been regarded as a top liberal arts college at which to study Swedish and Scandinavian Studies," said President Steve Bahls. "The new position will help cement our reputation for years to come."

Augustana's academic program offers Swedish language, literature and culture courses. The college also maintains Scandinavian studies resources outside the department, with the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center and a large collection of Swedish and Swedish-American art. Plus, Augustana students have opportunities to study and travel in Sweden and participate in the on-campus celebration of the Sankta Lucia festival.

Provost of the College Dr. Pareena Lawrence said the gift not only anchors the academic department, but also "helps us to reflect upon our roots. Understanding where you come from is important in knowing where you are going."

A record-breaking **20 weddings** are scheduled in **Ascension Chapel** in 2016. Either the bride or groom must be an Augustana student, graduate or employee (or have a parent employed at the college) for chapel privileges.

Basketball all-star returns as CFO

Augustana welcomes back Kirk Anderson '93, one of the most prolific scorers in the history of the men's basketball program. Following a nationwide search, Anderson was selected as the school's chief financial officer and vice president for finance and administration.

An accounting major at Augustana, Anderson received his CPA in 1997 and master's from DePaul University in 2002. In his most recent positions at Kraft-Heinz, he was responsible for the financial oversight and risk management strategies of more than \$2.8 billion of commodity purchases. He also served as the plant controller at the Oscar Mayer manufacturing facility in Davenport, Iowa, from 2009 through 2011.

Through it all, he has never forgotten his Augustana experience. "Being able to work in this environment is something pretty special," he said. "I think it's definitely the people."

For Anderson, basketball coach Steve Yount and Pastor Richard Swanson '54 were valuable mentors. Coach Yount stressed the importance of teamwork, while Pastor Swanson preached the importance of being a well-rounded individual.

Reflecting on his basketball career, Anderson said, "We had a very similar experience to the one our team had in 2015. We went to the NCAA tournament, made it to the final game and unfortunately lost. But going through those six games and progressing along the way is probably my fondest memory of being on the team itself."

"I guess the one thing that I value now, being 22 years removed from the team, is the friendships," he added. Anderson and his wife, Cathy Stran '93, still visit with old teammates and others from the college. "They're probably some of our closest friends now," he said.

— Rachel Reiter '18



Let's do lunch... with the president

President Steve Bahls says the greatest pleasure he's had during his 13 years at Augustana is getting to know students and employees through informal conversations.

"The best way to get to know people is over a meal," he said. "So I've set the goal of having lunch with each of Augustana's 600 employees, in small groups, over the coming years."

Once a month, President Bahls hosts 10 employees representing 10 different offices and departments for an informal lunch in The Gerber Center for Student Life.

"If my math is correct, it will take five years to have lunch with all employees," he said, "but it's worth the effort to better get to know the wonderful people who contribute their working hours to Augustana."



Winning shot

Augustana Observer photographer Ian Magnuson '16 captured first place in the sports photo category from the Illinois College Press Association (ICPA) with this photo of Tayvian Johnson '16 working hard under the basket. The staff of Augustana's student newspaper won a total of 19 ICPA awards this year, breaking last year's record of 18 awards.

Nearly **600 videos**

are featured on Augustana's YouTube channel. Take a look!

youtube.com/AugustanaIllinois

On The Road Again Spring Break 2016

Choir Tour (California)

4,257 total miles

Band Tour (Midwest)

2,196 total miles

Campus Ministries

Service Trip (Kentucky)

1,240 total miles



BAILEY KERSCHIETER '16

FALL 2015



MICHAEL BRAZINSKI '17



DANA GOGGIN '17

Women's tennis

Not only did Coach Jon Miedema's Vikings post a 12-1 dual meet record this fall, they also captured Augustana's first CCIW championship since 1997 by winning the conference tournament. The Vikings recorded a No. 15 ranking in the NCAA Division III Central Region from the Inter-collegiate Tennis Association (ITA). The doubles team of **Aileen MacDonald '16** and **Dana Goggin '17** garnered the region's No. 7 ranking from the ITA. MacDonald was named CCIW Championship MVP, and Miedema won Coach of the Year honors. The team was 102-26 in singles matches, including 71-7 in dual meets.

Women's soccer

Coach Scott Meija's Vikings, with an overall record of 15-5-1, finished 5-1-1 in CCIW play; finishing second and qualifying to host the semi-final matchup in the conference tournament. The Vikings' season ended

with a 2-0 loss to Puget Sound in the first round of the NCAA tournament. **Kelly Farell '16** received several honors this season, including the team's Offensive MVP, All-CCIW and NSCAA recognition. **Meredith Chew '16** was named the team's Defensive MVP on top of her third All-CCIW honors. **Somer Druszkowski '16** and **Hannah Lohmeier '17** were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American team.

Men's soccer

Augustana opened the season with a thrilling double-overtime 2-1 victory over Aurora University at Thorson-Lucken Field. **Shonari Phillips '19**, in his first collegiate game, scored the game-winning goal with an assist from **Michael Brazinski '17**, who also had a goal in the game. The team finished with a 5-13-1 overall record in Mick Regan's first year as head coach. The Vikings finished 2-5 and in seventh place in the conference. Brazinski earned second team all-conference honors in the CCIW.

Volleyball

Overcoming some mid-season struggles, the Vikings rebounded with victories in nine of its last 11 matches to finish the season with a 17-14 overall record. It was the fourth consecutive winning season for the team, which was 24-9 a year ago. The Vikings tackled a schedule that was deemed to be the 22nd toughest in NCAA Division III and came away with victories over five teams that advanced to the NCAA tournament. Four seniors led this year's squad: **Jordan Hampel**, **Martha Murray**, **Sydney Sand** and **Kylie Siebert**. Siebert, who was named the team's MVP for the third year in a row, ended her career as the school's all-time leader in digs.



TANNER OSING '17



KYLIE SIEBERT '16



SAM FRASCO '16



KELLY FARELL '16

2015 TRIBE OF VIKINGS HONOREES

During the weekend of Homecoming, six elite athletes were celebrated and inducted into Augustana's Tribe of Vikings Hall of Fame.

Football

The Vikings posted an overall record of 4-6 and a 3-4 mark in the CCIW, good for fifth place. Quarterback **Sam Frasco '16** had a tremendous senior season, breaking a pair of school records and becoming the first Viking since 2001 to earn CCIW Offensive Player of the Year honors. Among his many achievements, Frasco set school records for total offense in a game (585) and season (2,997) and fell just 74 yards short of 1971 grad Ken Anderson's career record of 6,680 yards. Defensive end **Brandon Stiers '16** made the most of his appearance for Team Stars and Stripes at the 7th annual Tazón de Estrellas (Bowl of the Stars) in Baja. Stiers was named Defensive Player of the Game after a 15-14 victory. The all-star game matches NCAA Division III football players against Mexico's CONADEIP All Stars.

Women's cross country

With six of the top seven runners graduated from last year, Coach David Thompson looked to captain **Bailey Kerschietter '16** to lead a young nucleus of runners. After two first place-finishes as a team in the first three weeks of the season, the Vikings were voted 10th best in the Midwest Region poll. At the end of the season, Kerschietter was named the Vikings' MVP, and the first-year trio of **Laura McNair**, **Carol Garcia** and **Hannah Penn** shared Freshmen of the Year honors. Coach Thompson's team finished sixth at the CCIW Championships and 20th in a field of 40 teams at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Men's cross country

Augustana's usual "big three" of **Keith Sands '16**, **Ethan Koch '16** and **Tanner Osing '17** led the way to a 20th-place team finish at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. This year's performance marked the 23rd Top-20 finish for Augustana during Coach Paul Olsen's 50 seasons at the head of the program. The top three Viking finishers nearly crossed the finish line with the same time. Sands covered the 8,000-kilometer course in 25:12.4 to finish 53rd. Osing was two spots back with a time of 25:13.8, and Koch took 58th place in 25:14.7.

Women's golf

The Vikings posted a record of 24-24, with their best performance as the first-place finisher among three teams at the Augie Fall Triangular. **Samantha Barlage '16** won the team's award for lowest scoring average. She also shot the lowest individual round with an 80 during the second round of the Illinois Wesleyan Fall Classic. **Rachel Cheval** held the lowest scoring average for a first-year golfer. The team finished the fall portion of its 2015-16 season with fifth place at the CCIW Championship.

Men's golf

Augustana closed out the fall portion of its 2015-16 season with a second-place finish at the Viking Shootout. Leading the way for the Vikings was **Eric Swanson '17** with a round of 79 and a fourth-place individual finish. **Tanner Obal '17** took fifth with a score of 80 and **David Ferlmann '16** was sixth with an 81.

Norm Ayer '68

In 1964, Norm Ayer left Tipp City, Ohio, and enrolled at Augustana as a 5' 4", 140-pound freshman wrestler, football player and baseball player. He graduated four years later, having earned 11 varsity letters and degrees in mathematics and physical education. Ayer retired last summer after 46 years as a high school math teacher in Ohio and Florida. For 29 of those years, he also coached various sports, including football, wrestling, baseball, track & field and softball. Today Ayer lives in Immokalee, Fla., with his wife of 42 years, Linda. He says he considers his years at Augustana just the "second-best time of my life," reserving the top spot for his marriage to Linda.

Jill Rednour '87 Guth

Twenty-nine years after her career as a Viking ended, Jill Rednour's 809 rebounds and 1,174 points still rank second and fourth, respectively, in school history. After graduating from Augustana with a degree in geography, Rednour held positions in economic development in Rock Island; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Champaign Ill. This past fall, she started her own commercial real estate brokerage, Guth and Associates. Rednour resides in White Heath, Ill., with her husband, Mike Guth. The couple has two grown sons, Nicholas and Adam.

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Darren Linton '00

Darren Linton finished his wrestling career with a 132-27 record. His .830 winning percentage is sixth-best among Vikings with at least 100 wins, and Linton is one of just 10 four-time CCIW champions in school history. After graduating with a degree in biology, Linton earned his master's as well as a teaching certificate. For the past 14 years, he has taught science at his alma mater, Argo High School. In addition to serving as the Argonauts' head wrestling coach, he also coaches football and was the head softball coach for seven years. Residing in Aurora, Ill., Linton and Jamie Bechina '01, a former Augustana track & field standout, have a daughter, Leila.

Mark Schafer '67

A four-year letter winner in both track and cross country, Mark Schafer was a nine-time College Conference of Illinois track champion, setting four conference and seven school records. The Viking All-American overlapped the tenure of two of the school's most legendary coaches, Leroy Brissman and Paul Olsen. After graduating with a degree in sociology, Schafer received his master's in teaching and went on to a career as a mathematics teacher. He also worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and as a chaplain's assistant in the United States Army. Schafer is retired and living in his hometown of Geneseo, Ill. He has three children—Sarah Schafer Pittenger '94, Paula K. Schafer '97 and Michael Schafer.

Kiersten Madden '02 Stanzel

Kiersten Madden was a member of Augustana's most successful volleyball team in program history, and she remains the school's only volleyball athlete to be named the CCIW's Most Outstanding Player. After graduating summa cum laude with a degree in biology, Madden earned her Ph.D. in marine science. She worked as a research associate at the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, in addition to adjunct professorships at Del Mar College and the University of Houston-Victoria. In 2013, Madden married Chase Stanzel and settled in Victoria, Texas, where she opened an environmental consulting firm.

Fred Whiteside '74

Before he dedicated 40 years to his alma mater as a teacher and coach, Fred Whiteside enjoyed his own outstanding running career at Augustana, which included All-America honors in cross country as well as a school record in the mile run. He was named head coach of the women's cross country program in 1982, and the women's track program in 1988. Fred and his wife, Cathie, a 1979 Augustana graduate, live in Rock Island, Ill., and have been married since 1977. They have two sons, Michael and Jay. The Whitesides are active in numerous community organizations and events. They were the first recipients of the Quad City Marathon's Volunteer of the Year award.

Doubling down on student success

Locating support services in one place a sure bet

Augustana College has created a new center for student support services designed to help every student develop more successful habits, both in college and later life, and it's happening on the fourth floor of The Gerber Center.

To appreciate the scope of the endeavor, consider that, in addition to a full complement of professional staff, the fourth floor is now the home base for roughly 300 student workers who are trained to assist with one-on-one academic tutoring, social and cultural enrichment, and helping students connect with 150 student groups and special events on campus.

And they are collaborating like never before.

The tighter integration means international students can sharpen their English skills and join a science club. Science students can learn to write better research papers, and share an ethnic meal at a culture house. And any student can develop better skills to reduce stress, and improve their study habits and time management skills.

"Getting a student connected to people who can help is life-altering," said Dr. Kristin Douglas, Augustana's associate dean of student success and persistence, and a leader in the drive to integrate student support services. "We need to work together, recognizing everyone has an important role to play in ensuring each student is successful."

Located in the heart of campus, the fourth floor of The Gerber Center is now home to the new Learning Commons and its extensive network of academic tutors, the offices of Multicultural and International Student Life, and the Office of Student Life and Leadership.

"Sometimes students come in and think the root cause of their difficulty is the class itself, when actually the root cause is effective study habits," said Yen Dao, coordinator of student success services, and one of several new professional staff on the fourth floor. "We determine what might be the real reason, and refer them to the right resources. There is a lot of collaboration with CORE."

CORE (Careers, Opportunities, Research and Exploration) was a major investment in Augustana's strategic plan to expand student support services and dramatically improve the prospects for its graduates in terms of employment or post-graduate work. The



From left, Michael Rogers '12, Yen Dao, Dr. Jacob Romaniello and Danny Kim

integration of additional services at The Gerber Center is essentially a doubling down on that investment, one that Dr. Douglas believes has as much potential as CORE to boost student outcomes.

"Ensuring students are focused on the same outcomes in their academic curriculum and their life outside of the classroom is a worthy aspiration," she said. "Many colleges say they do this. What sets Augustana apart is that we are putting the pieces in place to be able to demonstrate that we do this."



Samuel Payan '10

The integration of student support services on the fourth floor of The Gerber Center now includes:

- **The Learning Commons**, including the Reading/Writing Center, English as a Second Language services, and an extensive network of academic tutors with about 90 peer tutors in all subject areas. New employees in the Learning Commons include Dr. Jacob Romaniello, English language learning specialist, and Yen Dao, coordinator of student success services.
- **Office of Multicultural Student Life** led by recently hired Samuel Payan '10 as director and Michael Rogers '12 as assistant director. Ten student workers also help coordinate activities at three culture houses on campus that represent Latin American, African American and Asian American traditions, and host programs that allow students to build more diverse social networks.
- **Office of International Student Life** with a staff of four, including new assistant director Danny Kim. The international office offers services to more than 100 international students on campus from 30 countries.
- **Office of Student Life and Leadership** consists of three staff and 150 volunteer and paid student leader positions, including 50 peer mentors who work with first-year and transfer students in their transition to life at Augustana. The office also organizes events that offer students a variety of experiences.



*Lizeth Tamayo '16 and
Dr. Pamela Trotter*

Mentors matter. Just ask Lizeth Tamayo '16.

By Jeff Moore

Lizeth Tamayo '16 arrived at Augustana College with a clear direction in mind. She declared a major in pre-medicine with plans to become a doctor. It made sense, she thought, to make the most of a full scholarship and a proven ability in the sciences. Her feelings started to change, however, after some heartfelt talks with Dr. Pareena Lawrence, dean of the college.



"She asked me if I had ever thought about getting my Ph.D.," Tamayo said. "With a Ph.D., I could work in the field that I choose, but I could also come back and teach, and give back what I learn to new students."

In Tamayo, Dr. Lawrence saw a talented and determined young woman, a first-generation college student who was new to the maze of higher education, just as Lawrence herself had been.

"In many ways she reminded me of myself three decades ago, unaware of the opportunities that were out there and without a mentor to guide my path," Dr. Lawrence said. "I'm grateful I was able to have conversations with Lizeth, to find out more about her dreams and aspirations and interests. I was privileged to help guide her, and most importantly, connect her to resources and opportunities that I never had."

While she's still thinking about becoming a doctor, Tamayo said she is looking at a much broader landscape with more opportunities than she saw before. Her plans now include a master's in the rapidly expanding field of public health, and beyond that, a Ph.D. in a related field such as epidemiology, or medical school for an M.D. In either case, she has decided she wants to conduct research to combat chronic diseases. And she is already honing her skills in securing funding for her own research.

"I realized that, instead of treating people who were already sick, I wanted to inform people about health issues before they get sick," Tamayo said. "I also discovered I like to do research, especially revolving around epidemiology and public health, and I realized this was something I really wanted to do."

She attributes her turns in perspective to mentoring, the building of relationships with faculty that guide and inform the experiences of many Augustana students. In addition to Dr. Lawrence, Tamayo's list of mentors includes her French professor, Dr. Chadia Chambers-Samadi, and her chemistry professor, Dr. Pamela Trotter, whom she sees almost every day.

Tamayo came to Augustana as the recipient of a highly prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship, a full scholarship to the school of her choosing, and one that continues all the way through her doctoral degree if she stays within certain disciplines, including science. The highly competitive awards come through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to students of color with high academic and leadership potential. Tamayo is Peruvian-American.

With access to almost any college, including Ivy League schools, Tamayo chose Augustana for two reasons. She could

remain close to home near Rockford, Ill., and she was impressed by the personal attention she received from Augustana staff, beginning with her first visit. "They made Augustana feel like home," she said. "I just didn't think I would grow as much as a person at some of the other schools."

An introduction to undergraduate research grew out of a meeting with Dr. Lawrence. After seeing Tamayo's interests, Dr. Lawrence suggested she look into Dr. Trotter's lab. Tamayo did, and was hooked.

In April, she will attend the national Experimental Biology conference in San Diego, alongside Dr. Trotter and one of her fellow research assistants, Paige Pierson '16. As one of Dr. Trotter's research assistants, Tamayo will describe her role in the project to explore the metabolism of yeast cells as a vehicle to understand genetic influences on human metabolism, and potential breakthroughs in combatting diabetes and obesity. In addition, with Dr. Trotter as her guide, Tamayo has begun her own research with yeast cells.

"It's exciting," she said. "It's a very easy organism to work with. We can grow them overnight and manipulate the genes, with none of the ethical issues that might arise. Also, because many cellular functions of yeast are analogous to that of humans, we are able to study different kinds of diseases through mutations in yeast and then connect the finding back to us."

Tamayo also is raising her own money to help, a valuable skill for any research scientist. She secured a grant award that helps her pay for supplies, travel to conferences, and a stipend for time she spends in the lab. The grant opportunity came through an alliance of 16 colleges and universities across the Midwest that support minority participation in science research with help from the National Science Foundation. Augustana is the only college in Illinois to receive the funding.

"I've changed a lot, especially career-wise," Tamayo said. "I've become a lot more open-minded, a lot more informed about different events in the U.S. and around the world. I've grown as a student, and I've grown a lot as a person as well."

For Augustana faculty who thrive on their relationships with students, seeing that kind of growth is perhaps the biggest reward of the job.

"Most of my research students are still in contact with me," Dr. Trotter said. "Lizeth is a wonderful young lady, and I think she's going to go a long way. I just hope she remembers me."

'Sticker price' not the final price

Some students find Augustana less expensive than state schools.

By Beth Roberts

In a state known for the unknowns when it comes to funding for public education, Augustana is more affordable than families might think. Once they receive their financial aid packages, students and families can be surprised at the cost difference between a private, independent college and a large, regional public university.

It's a difference that can be missed during a family's initial review of college costs. And it can make all the difference to a student's college choice.

Emma Nordmeyer '19, a psychology major with minors in sociology and Spanish, applied to four schools last year: Augustana, Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and Marquette, a private university in Milwaukee. As she narrowed her choices, she compared both costs and program.

"Marquette and Augustana had the same 'sticker price,'" she recalled, "but Marquette didn't offer a lot of financial help, so I had to eliminate that choice pretty quickly. I decided Western wasn't a good academic fit, so that left Eastern and Augustana."

The "sticker price" is a school's published cost of tuition, fees, housing and meals. Financial aid, including institutional scholarships, grants and loans, doesn't factor into the sticker price.

When she compared Augustana's sticker price with Eastern's, Nordmeyer found Augustana's was twice as high. However, her Augustana financial aid package more than compensated.

"When I got my acceptance letter last December, the choice became pretty clear," she said. "I was visiting Augie to see the Christmas concert when I got a large blue folder with my name on it. Enclosed was my scholarship information. Best Christmas present ever!"

Besides an academic merit scholarship and the Early Filers Award for completing the FAFSA early, Nordmeyer received a music scholarship—which she discovered later, after her audition.

Since students don't receive financial aid packages from schools until weeks after their acceptance, the final cost is an unknown that can weigh on their minds, even with the Net Price Calculator provided on most college websites. But often the wait is worth it.

Cost is one thing, worth is another

Carol Pardo, mother of Andrea Pardo '18, didn't think a private college would come close to a state school's tuition and board, and was starting to panic when her daughter's choices came down to Augustana and one state school.

"We had only been to Augustana once for the scholarship competition in January. It was the day after a snowstorm, so we didn't really see much of campus," Carol Pardo remembered. "We went back at a later date, and she had her 'this is my campus' moment. Now it was a matter of money."

In the end, the cost to attend Augustana was \$1,600 less than the cost to attend the state school. Now a sophomore, Andrea Pardo is still loving Augie. "The small class size, receptive teachers and beautiful campus are exactly what she wanted," her mother reported.

Economics major Jaryd Whitmore '19 felt right about Augustana the first time he stepped on campus. "I visited multiple other places, like Northern Illinois, Illinois State, North Central and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Only Minnesota felt like another place I could go," he said. "None of the other places had the same great combination of financial assistance and the simple quality of feeling like home."

Ultimately, Whitmore decided the University of Minnesota simply couldn't match that feeling, which he's come to love throughout his first two terms here. "It helps you feel at home, like you're supported; and that's because you are," he explained.



Jaryd Whitmore '19

Strong support, financial and otherwise

Emma Nordmeyer also spoke of the support she found through her connections on campus, including interactions in small classes.

"When people ask me why I chose Augie, I always tell them about the support available on campus," she said. "I know all my professors well, and I talk to them regularly. There are no graduate assistants teaching here. Being taught by professors really helps me understand the coursework and expectations on assignments."

Those connections also can lead to funding for student projects. Although large institutions certainly support research, that funding often goes to graduate students; undergrads aren't always noticed by faculty teaching their large classes. At Augustana, professors tend to know their students' interests and goals, and can link them to opportunities.

Multimedia journalism major Benjamin Payne '16 started his college education at Iowa State University (ISU), which he found too big for a good fit. He transferred first to Black Hawk College, where he discovered what he wanted to do, and from there came to Augustana. His transfer scholarship made Augustana less expensive than ISU, and he chose Augie for its "small, vibrant and agile journalism program."

Energetic and entrepreneurial-minded, Payne admitted that "much of what I do is outside the classroom." Through an advising session he discovered the NPR-sponsored Next Generation Radio project involving six college students nationwide. When he was chosen, he pursued an Augustana undergraduate research grant at the suggestion of his journalism professor, which helped pay expenses during the week-long event in the Twin Cities.

Now Payne is making plans for his \$2,000 from Augie Choice. These are funds the college provides every student, including transfer students, to support a high-impact learning experience such as research, an internship or study abroad.

"What I have in mind is an independent work opportunity with NPR's Story Lab," Payne said. If he gets a spot with National Public Radio at its headquarters in Washington, D.C.—or another venue where he can test his ideas for "engaged journalism"—Augie Choice can help pay his living and travel expenses.

No matter what important learning experience students plan for their \$2,000 from Augie Choice, Augustana makes it easy for them to access the funds. Augie Choice is just one example of the value of an Augustana education, which in this case literally pays students to pursue hands-on learning that can benefit future careers.

No one would disagree that the supportive, student-focused environment of a college such as Augustana is expensive. But it is worth well more—especially when the small, private college option costs less than the state university.



Benjamin Payne '16

Payne '16 honored for multimedia reporting project

Benjamin Payne '16, a multimedia journalism and mass communication major, has placed in this year's Region 5 Mark of Excellence Awards for his multimedia reporting project that details how the human brain and technology meet to create solutions for seizures.

Payne created his report during Next Generation Radio, a week-long, college student-focused, multimedia training project co-sponsored by NPR, NPR member stations, colleges and universities around the United States.

For the project, experienced journalists from NPR Next Generation Radio guided Payne and students from such schools as USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism and Marquette University as they honed the kind of cross-platform storytelling skills that will shape radio's digital future.

Winners and finalists will be announced and honored at the Region 5 Spring Conference in April in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Brunner Theatre Center to open in August

By Lauren Reid '12 and Sam Schlouch '10

Transforming Augustana's College Center into the Kim and Donna Brunner Theatre Center is on schedule, and the venue should be ready for the beginning of the 2016-17 academic year. The \$4.2 million project will not only strengthen the college's theatre arts program, but also anchor the college in the Quad-Cities' theatre scene.

Could Augustana's theatre arts department be more excited? Probably not.

Jeff Coussens '80 has been a familiar face around Bergendoff Hall for more than a couple decades. First a theatre student, then returning in 1987 to direct and teach, today Coussens is chair of the theatre arts department. As he sees it, "The new space will allow us to produce bigger, more popular titles that should bring us a wider audience from campus and the QC."

Inspired by New York City's Off-Broadway venue New World Stages, Augustana's new theatre facility will include three performance spaces: a 250-seat theatre that features a thrust stage, a flexible 80-seat black box/studio theatre and an outdoor pavilion performance area.

Philip Wm. McKinley '73, a Broadway director and Augustana trustee, was an important resource in developing the concept. His knowledge and vision for the renovation helped guide architects and consultants to develop a space unlike any other in the region.

"I've been fortunate to be able to give back to my alma mater in this way," McKinley said. "This theatre will be a symbol of Augustana's commitment to the importance of the performing arts to a liberal arts education."

The facility will create more opportunities for students from all majors to be involved in theatre productions, both onstage and behind the scenes. Music education majors will have greater exposure to musical theatre. Art and graphic design majors can be involved in sets and scenery; business administration majors in marketing and public relations; and students from departments across campus can explore social, political and other issues in new, interdisciplinary ways.

Investing in the future of the performing arts

Kim Brunner '71 and Donna Huber '75 Brunner provided the lead and naming gift of \$1 million for Augustana's new theatre center. Kim served on Augustana's Board of Trustees for several years, rounding out his service as chairman from 2009-2013. He retired as chief legal officer and executive vice president of State Farm Insurance in 2010.

"This new facility is positive proof of the value the college places on enhancing the performing arts," he said. "Donna and I are thrilled and elated to see this important addition to the campus move

from concept to reality."

Donna Brunner added that considering "Augustana is well regarded for its liberal arts curriculum, this new theatre will only enhance it. It offers the potential for an increased theatre presence for all of the students."

The new theatre center would not be possible without the generous support of numerous donors. In addition to the Brunners, these include the family of Ruth '42 and Lefty Anderson '39, Steve Bahls and Jane Easter Bahls, BITCO Insurance Companies, Easter Family Fund, Julie K. Hamann

'82, Tom and Wanda Hanson, Hunt and Diane Harris Family Foundation, Philip Wm. McKinley '73 and David A. Manning, and Peter '76 and Sandee Simshauser.

Within the new theatre center, the Black Box Theatre will be named in honor of Heidi Honkamp Myhre '90, who died in 1997 after a three-year battle with cancer. Heidi's mother, Joyce; her late father, Arnie; and the entire Honkamp family wanted to honor Heidi's memory with a gift for the theatre's construction.

Here's what Coussens is especially excited about:

- The larger space and scene shop will make it possible to more easily design and build multi-level sets, resulting in a wider range of plays and musicals.
- The addition of a Black Box season will give student directors, performers, designers and technicians more opportunities to showcase their work.
- New state-of-the-art lighting equipment and more lighting positions will produce more visually stunning performances.

Construction of the new theatre center has set the stage for a new academic program as well. Beginning this fall, musical theatre will be a concentration within the theatre arts major and minor.

Creating a new academic program can be a challenge, but also a blank slate with immense opportunity. Jay Cranford, Augustana's newest theatre faculty member, prefers the latter. "As my primary task is to develop a musical theatre program, my goal is to create a foundation of solid training to develop well-rounded, smart musical theatre artists," he said.

Cranford is a product of that vision himself with a bachelor's in music from University of Oklahoma, a master's in directing from Minnesota State University and nearly 30 years of teaching, directing and performance experience on and off stage.

In the spirit of a liberal arts education, Cranford has taken a collaborative approach to creating the musical theatre program. Some of this collaboration includes working closely with the music department in developing requirements and coursework and leading a musical theatre portion in the department's annual Vocal Academy with high school students in the summer months.

A new theatre center and opportunities for increased collaboration among departments align with the college's strategic plan, *Augustana 2020*, which includes expanding the footprint of the arts from Bergendoff Hall of Fine Arts to a "corner for the arts" that encompasses the new theatre space. Following the transformation of the College Center, the college will focus on a major renovation of Bergendoff Hall for the music and art history departments.

This spring, the theatre arts department is working with Opera@Augustana to present Sweeney Todd on April 29-May 8.



Meet Jay Cranford, assistant professor in theatre arts

What was your first role in theatre?

Third grade, the all-elementary school musical *Charlie Brown finds a Solution to Pollution*, written by a high school drama student. I was cast as Charlie Brown. I was scared out of my mind, but afterwards I felt the excitement, the adrenaline rush one must feel winning a World Series. I was hooked.

What has been your favorite role?

If I had to choose only one, it would be the Genie in *Aladdin*. The comedy, the acting, the heart, the dancing, the singing, the improvisation, it played into my strengths, and I loved it. Now had there been a way to not spend an hour and a half getting into the makeup, that would have been nice.

What are your goals for students?

To not only train the singer, dancer and actor to perform at their highest level but to develop artists capable of shaping, changing and expanding the growth of the American art form of musical theatre.

Why should students study theatre?

With constant Facebook streaming and the texting and the tweeting and every other non-connective form of communication, theatre ultimately forces us to stop, notice and listen to each other. It also teaches responsibility, as you are always part of a larger team that depends on your collaboration to be successful. And of course, not all of the work is onstage. There are many other careers in the theatre, from scenic, lighting, costume and sound design to stage management and running crew.

Ready, willing and able

We asked alumni to tell us about their jobs that didn't exist 10-15 years ago...here's what we learned.



Angela Birdsall '93

Education: Bachelor's in speech-language pathology/audiology and master's in applied behavior analysis

Position: Board Certified Behavior Analyst with Dubuque Community School District in Dubuque, Iowa

Responsibilities: I complete functional behavior assessments, including functional analysis, of students' challenging behavior.

This guides the interventions designed to decrease the challenging behavior and increase appropriate behavior. I provide training specific to a student as well as conduct professional development for staff throughout the district. I work with students of any age in special education and general education.

The best part: I like paving the way for others in a job that didn't exist previously. I enjoy providing the knowledge and skills to the teachers and other staff to better work with students, and to expand their repertoire regarding student behavior.

Looking back: During a summer job fair at the student center at Augustana, I randomly picked up information on a summer camp. I applied and ended up spending my summers during college at Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside in Des Moines, Iowa, with adults and children with disabilities. I loved the job and those summers! Prior to that I had never worked with or even had much experience with people with disabilities. That job started the ball rolling on where I am today and the career path that I've taken.



Stephanie Ewing '08

Education: Bachelor's in English literature, master's in religious studies and master's in journalism

Position: Social media manager for the nonprofit Radiological Society of North America in Oak Brook, Ill.

Responsibilities: I develop content strategies and craft a variety of multimedia posts for several social media platforms, all to better

educate and build community among radiologists, researchers and patients.

The best part: I love that my job lets me continue to learn writing and marketing skills that enhance the creative writing I do on my own time. Social media management has taught me not only the art of compression and value of audience awareness, but also the tools I'll need to promote my own projects.

Looking back: When Facebook first came to Augustana in 2004, never in a million years did I dream I'd be paid to manage social media accounts and interact with doctors and researchers around the globe. I feel my liberal arts education at Augustana prepared me for truly rewarding jobs, where I'm privileged to work with both words and data, science and my true love: writing.



Lauren Ribando '13

Majors: Multimedia journalism & mass communication and French

Position: Community investment and employee engagement analyst for Zurich North America, a global

insurance provider, in Schaumburg, Ill.

Responsibilities: I focus on making the workplace a more fun and productive environment by conducting research, gathering employee feedback and acting

as a expert on employee engagement and community relations. I am also part of an incredible corporate responsibility program. I administer and analyze employee surveys and feedback to help Zurich become a great place to work, and ultimately help us to reach our goal of becoming "the best" global insurer.

The best part: I love the opportunity to meet new people, try new things and make a difference both in the workplace and in my community. Since I have been in my position I have seen steady increases in employee engagement scores, and it has been truly spectacular to see cultural changes occurring in such a large organization—and knowing that I have been a part of that effort. This role takes quite a bit of creative problem-solving,

action planning, and project and stakeholder management, which are all activities that energize me every day.

Looking back: The skills I learned in my public relations class prepared me for the role I have now. I still look back on case studies to continue to sharpen those skills, which include creative solution development, strategic planning, project management and crisis/risk management. I use my multimedia skills to direct videos, write articles for internal communication and work with our design team. Believe it or not, I occasionally translate for communications or answer email queries in French for my colleagues in Montreal and Switzerland, which has been extremely useful.



Kate Dempsey '11

Education: Bachelor's in biology and psychology, master's in genetic counseling

Position: Certified genetic counselor specializing in oncology genetics at Houston Methodist Hospital's Cancer Center in Houston, Texas

Responsibilities: Most of my time is spent counseling

patients and families (in person and via video conferencing) regarding hereditary cancer syndromes, such as BRCA1 and BRCA2. I see patients with a cancer diagnosis, and patients with a family history of cancer. We discuss family history, genetic testing options, their cancer risks and the potential cancer risks of their family members, and personalized screening recommendations. I facilitate decision-making, interpret genetic test results and work with physicians to formulate appropriate recommendations regarding cancer screening and surgery. In

addition, I am a clinical supervisor with the University of Texas Genetic Counseling Program and assist in the clinical training of genetic counseling interns, and I am an assistant clinical faculty member of the Houston Methodist Research Institute. I am currently studying breast cancer risk assessment models in women with a family history of breast cancer.

The best part: Every day is different, and every patient brings something new to the table. In genetic counseling, I often see patients and families at some of the worst points in their lives. I get to build a relationship with each of them, to be a sounding board and an advocate, and to see them through the genetic testing process. Yes, it can be emotionally exhausting, but knowing you made a difference in the lives of your patients and their families is absolutely worth it.

Looking back: I owe so much of my success to Augustana's Texas Medical Center Summer Research Internship Program (TMC-SRIP). I was able to establish relationships within the genetic counseling program at the University of Texas, shadow genetic counselors at the MD Anderson Cancer Center and work on cutting-edge research in cancer genetics. The TMC-SRIP was the starting point of my professional life in Houston.



Tim Glinski '07

Majors: Business administration (marketing) and speech communication

Position: Social media manager for RAM Racing in Buffalo Grove, Ill., a premier

event production company in the endurance sports industry. RAM organizes 25+ endurance events across the country, most notably the Hot Chocolate 15k/5k. The Hot Chocolate 15k/5k Chicago has 45,000 runners each year.

Responsibilities: I am the social media voice of RAM Racing and Hot Chocolate 15k/5k, by assembling, creating and monitoring content for company websites, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and other social media channels. I'm in charge of paid social media advertising including Facebook ads, Facebook retargeting and other paid advertising platforms. I also write press releases to pitch to targeted markets.

The best part: There's something new every day. My job is constantly evolving due to trends and new technology.

Looking back: Honestly, when I graduated I didn't know what I wanted to do. I started in technology sales with some friends. Careers in social media didn't exist when I graduated. Facebook didn't even come out until my sophomore year (I feel old). Before getting a job in social media, I started as a brand ambassador for several triathlon-related companies. I promoted their products through my own social media. After doing that for a few years, my friend Kira Brabeck (Class of 2010) got me an interview with her company to be in charge of social media—the first for the company. The skills that got me hired are what I believe are most important for a career in social media—being flexible, customer-focused and data-driven. I've had a career in social media for more than six years, and I still love it every day.



Jennifer Woodruff Tait '92

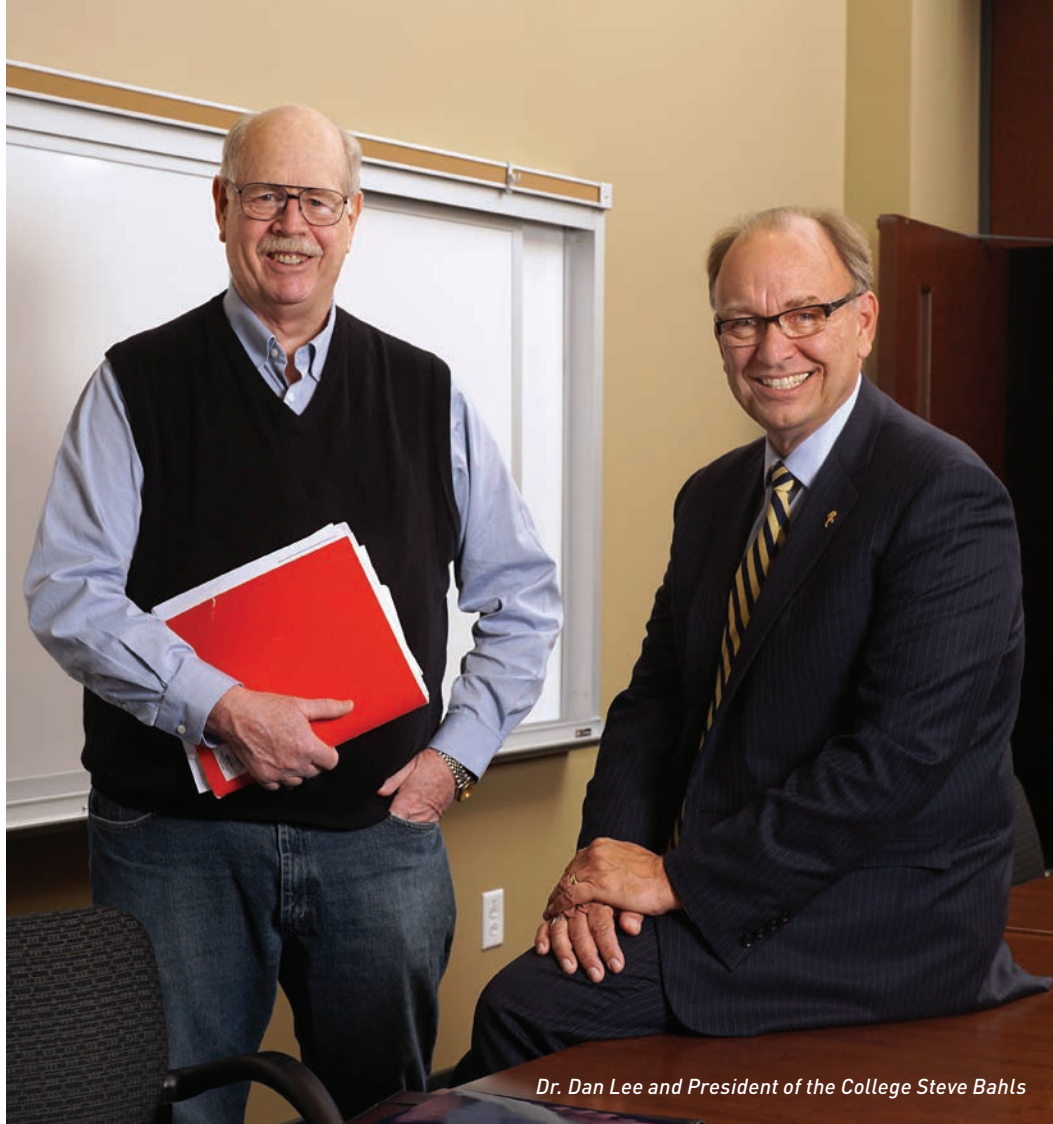
Education: Bachelor's in English and music, a master's in library science and a M.Div. and a Ph.D. in religious studies

Position: Content editor for *The High Calling* at the Theology of Work Project in Boston and managing editor of *Christian History* magazine in Pennsylvania (but I work remotely from Richmond, Ky.)

Responsibilities: As content editor for *The High Calling*, I manage social media for the website and send out a weekly e-newsletter. I will also, once a data migration is complete, be tagging over 3,000 articles and integrating them with content already existing on the Theology of Work Project website.

The best part: I enjoy writing, editing, organizing things, getting people content that is relevant to them, and meeting deadlines.

Looking back: I intended to be a United Methodist pastor. Today I am a bi-vocational clergyperson...I am a priest in the Episcopal Church. I have a small part-time parish. Writing, editing and organizing, which I have been doing all my life (including at Augie where I was a reporter for the *Observer*) are very important to all my jobs!



Dr. Dan Lee and President of the College Steve Bahls

What leaders can learn from teaching undergraduates

By Steven C. Bahls

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When Dan Lee, a senior member of my college's religion department, asked me to team-teach his undergraduate seminar, "Individual Rights and the Common Good," I was hesitant. I had been out of classroom teaching since I joined Augustana College as president 13 years ago. I don't have a Ph.D. in religion—or any Ph.D., for that matter. My only teaching had been at law schools. I was already overcommitted. But Professor Lee was persistent, so I agreed to teach again, and in doing so, I also became a student.

During the hectic time that led up to the first class, I wondered why I had agreed to teach. Just a week later, I wondered why I hadn't done it sooner. It was one of the most important experiences of my time here, changing the way I view both my presidency and the faculty.

After the first class I realized that I had forgotten how difficult and time-consuming teaching is. My knowledge of what I taught—mainly Supreme Court cases—was sometimes a mile wide and an inch deep, and other times an inch wide and a mile deep. Experienced teachers need both depth and breadth, and that takes time, as does meeting with students outside the classroom, writing letters of recommendation, and so forth. That's why we administrators must respect reasonable teaching loads, sabbaticals, and professional-development time. But experienced teachers also know that just because you teach it, doesn't mean students will learn it. The hard part is cultivating learning.

Undergraduates bring different levels of motivation and interest. In our religion class, the subject captivated a few of the students, and others came in seeking to fulfill a requirement. Professor Lee had mastered the art of engaging both types, drawing out responses from each. And at the end of each class, he left time for a discussion to check the level of learning and set the stage for the next class. He is an expert listener, infinitely patient and convinced that even the least engaged can contribute to the whole, particularly if he could tease their contributions out.

I'm accustomed to teaching with the Socratic method. I used to grill students to determine if they were prepared. Students thought I was the smartest guy in the room, and that made me feel good. I knew they couldn't win: If they got close to mastering the legal case, I'd change the facts! Too many ended up frustrated, and I sometimes ended up missing my intended goal of helping them think like a lawyer.

But my colleague listened deeply to our students, coaxing engagement from the more reticent, and seeking to genuinely learn from his students. His style was much more effective, and I learned from him the art of fostering deep conversations.

Engaging students is even more rewarding in a diverse classroom. Our students included Christians of all denominations, students with no religion, and even our local imam, who has taken several classes with us. I saw in class how students challenge their classmates to examine their beliefs and assumptions. The respectful dialogue between our Roman Catholic students and the imam, seeking common ground on papal encyclicals concerning economic justice, helped us all learn in ways we are not likely to forget. By listening and affirming, I moved my role from teaching to learning.

But my greatest lesson directly relates to my role as president of the college. Just as I learned to encourage deep engagement and thought-provoking conversations with our students, I realized that I also needed to foster deeper and more profound discussion among our faculty, staff, trustees, and administration about how to achieve our goals. It has changed how I approach virtually every group at Augustana.

Today's challenges call for shared governance, which can only be accomplished with an engaged faculty and administration, and such governance cannot be effective without meaningful faculty control of academic programs. Presidents need to be

effective teachers when it comes to helping the faculty understand financial realities, as well as the realities of changing demographics and increasing calls for accountability. But at times presidents need to be students, listening to the faculty concerning the academic programs.

Members of governing boards sometimes express concerns that faculty members don't understand the changing realities of higher education. If that is true—and it is less true than most board members think—who is at fault? It is probably the senior administration of the institution coming up short as good teachers. When discussing difficult issues, they too often arrive late to class, fail to provide good and timely background information, and do too much talking without checking the understanding of faculty and staff. And most important, they often seek sign-off instead of encouraging thoughtful, continuing conversations.

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A college president does not need to be the smartest person in the room. Instead, I aim to be the best listener in the room and a good teacher. And, just as most often the best teachers are humble, the best presidents should be also. They should be committed to helping the institution's entire work force develop the habits of mind, heart, and soul to provide the best outcomes to our students.

So this year I recast my remarks at our opening faculty-and-employee retreat. It was not my traditional laundry list of what went well and not so well over the summer. Instead, it was a two-way discussion of how we all can meet our changing student body where we find them. I learned more than I shared, but that's what leaders need to do.

Meetings of my executive team are now less like Socratic discussions and more like round-table discussions, where we listen, learn, and challenge each other. Both methods produce critical thinking, but the latter method also produces buy-in and support.

Most important, I hope to duplicate my classroom experience among our employees. Meetings concerning progress on our strategic plan involve not only those who are charged with carrying out the plan, but also those who have a good, neutral vantage point to observe whether the plan is making its intended difference. Our round-table discussions give me more insight than a sheaf of detailed reports.

I would urge all presidents to find an opportunity to teach or guest lecture, and to see, firsthand, the fruits of our long hours devoted to budgets, personnel, and fund raising; to remember that our function is to teach and facilitate, not to manage and command.



Emma Stough '17/Augustana Photo Bureau

A Legacy Story: Keith Nelson '66 and Ann Schafer '67 Nelson

In describing his Augustana experience, Keith Nelson '66 says the faculty made the greatest impact on him. "It was the professors, like Tweet, Paul Olsen, Hamming, Parkander, Henriette C.K. Naeseth, who opened new worlds, perspectives, understandings and possibilities for me to explore in ways I had never encountered before," he said.

"We will be able to make a much larger gift than we thought, without neglecting our family."

Keith and Ann Nelson

Of course, meeting his future wife was significant, too. Keith and Ann Schafer '67 met in the Augustana Choir. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year.

Grateful for their Augustana education, the Nelsons believe that the college continues to fill an important niche in helping young people explore their gifts and talents. They want students "to have a chance to learn about themselves, about differences and to feel comfortable with

that so they may not have some of the difficulties we are seeing today," Ann said.

By supporting Augustana with a legacy gift, the Nelsons want to help students put their dreams into place here and around the globe, without crippling debt. They encourage their classmates, even if they have their estate in place, to meet with Stephen Davis, Augustana's assistant vice president of legacy planning.

"This is a great time for people our age to do our estate planning," Ann said. "A lot of us are retired so we know how our work lives have gone. Besides that, we know what kind of work we want to see going on in the world."

For Keith and Ann, their legacy gift will be some combination of a will, and maybe a revocable trust or charitable trust. "Those are the tools that will really help us accomplish what we want in terms of providing something for our sons... even some income for them, and at the end of that, provide significant gifts to the charitable organizations we want to benefit," Ann said.

Keith says he feels it's important to remember Augustana's rich heritage of people who established a college that offered a quality liberal arts education and ensured it was supported for future generations. "Because those generations took the time to invest in the college, I am now inspired to remember Augustana and to support it with a legacy gift from our estate," he said.

Types of Legacy Gifts

Gifts from a will or trust

Designating Augustana as a beneficiary in your will or trust is a simple way to create an Augustana legacy that will not affect cash flow during your lifetime.

Beneficiary designations

Naming Augustana as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, bank account or annuity is another easy way to impact future generations. You continue to benefit from these assets during your lifetime.

Life insurance

If you have an old, unneeded life insurance policy, you can donate it to Augustana and take an immediate tax deduction. You also can name the college as a beneficiary of your policy.

Appreciated securities, real property

If you own securities or real estate that you no longer need or wish to sell, a gift of these assets is another way that you can benefit Augustana without impacting your cash flow. You also may benefit from capital gains tax avoidance by giving rather than selling these assets.

Tangible personal property

If you have valuable assets such as artwork, collectibles, jewelry, etc., that you no longer want or need, consider giving these assets to Augustana and benefit from an income tax deduction.

Life estate

If you own your own home and wish to remain living there, you can transfer your personal residence, farm or vacation home to the college while retaining the right to use the property during your lifetime. Enjoy the added benefit of an income tax deduction.

Business interests, closely held stock and partnerships

Consider making current gifts from your business or to avoid capital gains tax when you are ready to transfer or sell your business.

For more information, contact **Stephen Davis**, assistant vice president of legacy planning, at **309-794-7587** or **stephendavis@augustana.edu**.

CLASS NOTES

Notices received as of
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1950

Werner Kroeger was a member of the Honor Flight that flew from Chicago to Washington, D.C., on April 8, 2015, in recognition of his service during WWII.

1952

Jack Eggspuehler was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Flight Instructors, which he founded.

1953

Niel Johnson retired from his role as a Harry Truman impersonator for the past 23 years.

1954

Ronald C. Bennett married Jean Misemer in 2014.

1956

Ken Peterson prepared 31 consecutive editions of the *Daily Bible Reading Guide* for the Canadian Bible Society. He also has written a review of the recent book by Elinor Barr, *Swedes in Canada*, for publication in the Augustana Heritage Association's newsletter.

1959

Ken Johnston received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Keats-Shelley Association of America on January 10, 2016.

1962

Terry Shockley was elected chairman of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Board of Governors.

Jane Westberg has written a book with her sister, Jill Westberg McNamara, called *Gentle Rebel: The Life and Work of Granger Westberg, Pioneer in Whole Person Care*, which is about their father. The foreword was written by Dr. Timothy Johnson '58, senior medical contributor for ABC News.

1963

Emily Winter Gladhart is restoring 20 acres, with guidance from the National Fish and Wildlife Association, to native oak habitat and upland prairie at Winter's Hill Estate.

Betty Palmquist Lankers has written and published a book, *Beneath the Elm Tree*, which is a collection of stories and vignettes of her life on a farm in northwest Iowa in the 1940s and 1950s, before she came to Augustana.

1964

Harlan Johnson is a regular contributor to the *Rockford Register Star*, with a column every other week titled "My View," often focusing on the environment and the Citizens' Climate Lobby.

1965

Sandy Tweddell Shockley was inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Hall of Fame on June 18, 2015.

1968

Toria Olson Emas retired in November 2015, after 47 years with the Chicago Bar Association.

Karen Schultz Jacobson received the President's Award at the national conference of the Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance (AFWA) held in New Orleans. She accepted an additional two-year term on the national philanthropic arm of AFWA.

Thomas Rexdale celebrated 50 years of being a Teacher of Singing in January 2015.

Barry Stoughton was elected vice chairman of the Associate Member Group Executive Committee of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers for 2015.

Toni Mitchell Tollerud retired from Northern Illinois University after 25 years as a professor. She returned part-time to be the interim associate dean for the College of Education.

1969

John Erickson married Harry Zaleznik on June 17, 2014.

Dan Reynolds retired from Xerox Corporation, and was appointed vice chair of the Sun Health Foundation.

1970

Harry Pells finished third in the nation playing for a team from Wisconsin in the 2015 Men's Fast Pitch Softball World Series.

Constance Wragge is an on-call missionary, and returned for a third time to the northern region of Ghana in October 2015.

1971

Stephen Hile retired from CNH Industrial in April 2015 after 36 years, including 28 years as manager of engineering standards.

David Markward is the director of the Iowa Instructional Rounds Network.

Daryl Rice retired in 2014 from United Airlines as a Boeing 767 captain, flying from Newark International Airport throughout Europe. He retired in 1991 as a Navy commander, flying the P-3 aircraft.

Bonnie Swarbrick studied cheetah physiology and ecosystem management with the Cheetah Conservation Fund in Namibia in the summer of 2015. She took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's from Miami University's Global Field Program.

1972

Jonathan Ahnquist retired after 38 years at Parish Ministry in the New England Synod ELCA. He is a television host for the Council of Churches On Good Faith program, and works in suicide prevention.

Marvin Bergeson received the Fairbanks Resource Agency (FRA) Outstanding Service Award for 2015. The award is given to acknowledge a business or individual that has made an outstanding contribution in the community for people with disabilities, for FRA, or both.

Kenneth Bryant retired in September 2015, after 38 years in the ministry, with the last 21 years at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, Ill.

David Fane retired from Clorox in April 2015.

Evan A. Meyers retired in September 2015, after 34 years as the vice president and chief financial officer of the Kansas Health Foundation.

1973

John Hanlon retired in November 2015, after 38 years as the city attorney in Galesburg, Ill.

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1974

Thomas Dudgeon retired as an associate judge of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit in 2014, after serving for more than 22 years on the bench. He currently is an adjunct professor of political science at Lewis University and at Elmhurst College, where he coaches the mock trial team and teaches American federal government.

Kathy Anderson Janicek is the choir director and organist at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Morrison, Ill., and sings with Quad City Choral Arts.

Ron May retired as choral director at Moline High School to become division chair for the performing arts at the new Creative Arts Academy, a school for the arts with integrated studies.

Robert Parratore retired in July 2013 from Steiner Electric Company in Elk Grove, Ill.

1975

Daniel Bonnett, a founding partner in the Phoenix, Ariz., law firm of Martin & Bonnett, PLC recently was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2016*, in the fields of Employment Law (Individuals), Labor Law (Union) and Litigation (ERISA, Labor and Employment Law). He also was named to a three-year term as a co-chair of the American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section's standing committee on Employment Rights and Responsibilities.

1976

Joy Bunt retired from National Institutes of Health as a physician-scientist, and is now a docent at Desert Botanical Garden.

Denise Faith is a contributing artist and volunteer at the Galena Center for the Arts in Galena, Ill.

Pamela Hronik Malley retired after 32 years as a family physician.

1977

Norman Cooling was re-elected for his second term serving as county judge. He was appointed a judge by the Colorado governor in 2007, after serving as district attorney deputy for 22 years.

JoAnne Colburn Hale retired from teaching in May of 2015.

1979

Ronald Pieper retired from Eclipse Combustion in 2014.

1980

Kimberly Wells Skala joined Instrumentation Laboratory as a clinical specialist for critical care and point of care testing.

1981

Jane Dalton is an assistant professor of art education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Diane Uddenberg Sturek received the Schuyler F. Otteson Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award for 2015 by the Kelley School of Business Indianapolis student government.

1982

Suzanne Dell-St. Clair is the senior director of development at Kansas State University Foundation.

1983

Lisa Stickler Cook retired in March 2015 after 20 years in the Microbiology Lab at UPH Methodist Medical Center.

Amy Hagedorn is pursuing a Master of Predictive Analytics at Northwestern University.

Linnea Stenson is vice president for accreditation relations and director of the AQIP Pathway at the Higher Learning Commission.

1984

Michael Wright is an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Olympia. He is chaplain at PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center in Longview, Wash.

1985

John Buric recently celebrated 25 years as an attorney with the law firm of Warner Angle, and 15 years as a Superior Court judge in Phoenix, Ariz.

Dale Guebert, a licensed clinical professional counselor, started the private practice Pathway to Hope at Southpark Psychology in Moline, Ill., in September 2014.

1986

Ed Rink and his wife, **Sharon Wall-Rink '87**, own Quinney Estate Winery, and in 2015, they won a gold medal/90 points for their wine at the Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition in San Diego, Calif.

Dana Worden is a featured soloist with the Greater San Diego Coterie, and will begin a tour to Hong Kong in May 2016.

1987

Thomas Billups was inducted into the U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame as a player and a coach (the first to be inducted as both) in September 2015 in Chicago.

J. Ike Brannon is president of Capital Policy Analytics, a consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Darrin Good became vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty for Whittier College in Whittier, Calif., on July 1, 2015.

Sharon Wall-Rink and her husband, **Ed Rink '86**, own Quinney Estate Winery, and in 2015, they won a gold medal/90 points for their wine at the Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition in San Diego, Calif.

1988

Annie Oswald Leyden was promoted from senior financial analyst to finance manager in April 2015.

Patrick Marsh became the city administrator of Fitchburg, Wis., on Sept. 1, 2015.

Andrew Pavlak is pastor of San Miguel and Missions, which completed its 400th anniversary in 2015. He shared in three pilgrimages, including Europe.

Linda Weiss is director of member services for the National Cooperative of Health Networks and a crisis specialist for the Crisis Care Network.

1990

Laurel Faulhaber Grogger added an endorsement to her teaching certificate in educational leadership, and has moved from speech-language pathology to assistant department head/special services at Barrington High School.

Laura Bussman Hall is an instructional technology teacher and assistant athletic director in the Rock Island-Milan School District #41.

1991

Henry Hall is a fifth- and sixth-grade teacher and assistant girls basketball coach in the Rock Island-Milan School District #41.

1992

Siobhan Malany is the director of translational biology at Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute.

Paul Schipper was promoted to professor of surgery and program director of Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency at Oregon Health and Science University.

Jennifer Woodruff Tait is a priest in the Episcopal Church.

1993

Paula Anderson Nimrick received the CMA certification in April 2014 and became the general accounting manager at McLaughlin Body Co. in November 2015.

1995

Janette DeGrazio Gleason published her third book, *The Road to Sweet Success*, which was an Amazon bestseller on the day of its release.

Sean Heidgerken was promoted to lieutenant colonel and serves as the deputy information operations officer at XVIII Airborne Corps.

1997

Suzanne Jobin Farrell was promoted in April 2015 to managing director at JPMorgan Chase & Co. in Chicago.

Kaia Holmer Holt adopted a son, Elias Alexander, born on Dec. 26, 2014 (*Tim*).

Jay Howard had a son, Macalister Andrew Howard, in December 2014 (*Ellen*).

1998

Jennifer Gruening Burge had a daughter, Aria Lynn, on Sept. 12, 2015 (*Keith*).

Matthew Dornbush is the assistant vice chancellor/director of graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

1999

Jonathan Howell was promoted to vice president of human resources at Mitchell College in September 2015.

Mike Johnson married Jocelyn Hoffman on May 3, 2014.

Jane VanVooren married Justin Peterson on Aug. 8, 2015. Jane is a freelance writer and editor, and works for Central Bank in Illinois.

2000

Andrea Angelo Brown had a son, Jacob Matthias, on Sept. 6, 2015 (*Mark*; Neva, 4, Erin, 2).

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Brandy Weis Frederiksen obtained DONA certification as a labor and birth doula. She continues to teach natural childbirth classes in the Bradley Method.

Abby Yanz McFadden had a daughter, Corinne Kimberly, on July 30, 2015. (*Sean*; Claire, Connor).

Dana Watland Rains had a daughter, Hannah Christine, in October 2014.

2001

Rae Floit Bacon has been promoted to the manager of environmental, health and safety compliance for Post Holdings, LLC, in St. Louis, Mo.

Elizabeth Burke Boskovich had triplets, James Raymond, Oliver Anthony and Nora Cate, on Sept. 18, 2015 (*Alex*).

Nick and Amy Hultgren Juknelis had a daughter, Cora Rose, on Jan. 17, 2015 (*Molly*, 5).

Heather Tabbert Mullins had a son, Grant Burbank, on Sept. 18, 2015 (*Brian*).

2002

Laura Ballinger O'Dell had a daughter, Madelyn Jean O'Dell, on Nov. 29, 2015 (*Tony*).

Mandi Schueneman Florip is executive director of the Lake County Municipal League in Lake County, Ill.

Michelle Greenwood and her husband, JR, opened Maple Street Grille in Orion, Ill., in October 2015.

Phil and Lindsay Schrand Kiraly had a daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth, on Dec. 22, 2015.

Stephanie Migawa had a daughter, Keagan on June 7, 2014.

Kasey Murphy became a registered nurse in the State of Wisconsin in 2015. She works at St. Catherine's Medical Center.

Lisa Freberg Pickel had a daughter, Avery Layne, on Aug. 6, 2015 (*Brian*).

Mike Russo had a daughter, Anneliese Jacqueline, on July 17, 2015 (*Heather*).

Emily Shenk-DeMay had a daughter, Eliana Parris, on Dec. 10, 2014 (*John*).

2003

Jermaine Anderson married Tarah Sipes on Sept. 6, 2015.

Lisa Sell Stroud had a son, Wyatt Daniel, on Oct. 7, 2014 (*Nick*).

Abigail Kendall O'Connell had a daughter, Katherine Emma, on Aug. 27, 2015 (*Kevin*).

2004

Sean Christian and Amy Fischl '05 Christian had a son, James, on Jan. 31, 2015 (*Ricky*, 3).

Matt DiBari received an MS-MIS and an MBA from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2015.

Alexandra Harrison Gualtieri had a daughter, Vida Rose on Sept. 2, 2015 (*Dominic*; Verona, 3). She also launched a freelance copywriting business, Basically Brilliant Copywriting.

Stephanie Allewalt Hacker was promoted to practice area leader of the Planning and Urban Design Group at GRAEF in May 2015. In July, the group earned a Eureka Award from the *Milwaukee Business Journal* for the "Design" category.

Erin Rakoczy Kraft had a son, Alexander James, on Oct. 24, 2015 (*Natalie*, 4).

Jennifer Lazarz is the manager of the El Morro Theater in Gallup, N.M., and performed as the witch in the opera *Hansel and Gretel* with Opera on the James in Lynchburg, Va., in January 2016.

Joseph '05 and Julie Krygeris Marusz had a son, Jackson Joseph, on Feb. 27, 2015.

Katherine Bohr Swiniuch had a son, William John Swiniuch III, on Aug. 20, 2015 (*William*).

2005

Erin Bertram is a graduate teaching assistant and Chancellor's Fellow Ph.D. student in the creative writing program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Brad '06 and Rebecca Hanson Carter had a daughter, Leah Ruth, on Dec. 24, 2013.

Sean Christian '04 and Amy Fischl Christian had a son, James, on Jan. 31, 2015 (*Ricky*, 3).

Sarah Todd Long had twin daughters, Pearl and Ruby, in July 2015 (*Jason*; Joshua, Eathan).

Joseph and Julie Krygeris '04 Marusz had a son, Jackson Joseph, on Feb. 27, 2015.

Kara Benning Meler is a board-certified family medicine physician and works for Phelps County Regional Medical Center. She had a daughter, Claire Rene, on Aug. 4, 2015 (*Jason*; Elsa, 2).

Joe Murphy had a daughter, Sophie Anne, on Sept. 2, 2015.

Shanna Soger married Aaron Osheroff on April 11, 2015. She is a K-12 development executive for Apple, Inc.

Emily Antonides Zettergren received her dental hygiene degree from Prairie State College in 2013. She had a son, Camden Alan, on June 16, 2015 (*Eric*).

2006

Brad and Rebecca Hanson '05 Carter had a daughter, Leah Ruth, on Dec. 24, 2013.

Jaime Battaglia Clark had a son, Blake Christopher, on Feb. 5, 2015 (*Chris*).

Angela Diederich married Andrew Soultz on Aug. 8, 2015. She is a firefighter/paramedic with the City of Moline Fire Department.

Lauren Hill is the director of development for the Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology at Bradley University.

Mark Hill is corporate counsel for Caterpillar, Inc.

Terra Jacobson is dean of the Learning Resource Center at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Ill.

Amy Meier married David Koch on June 6, 2015.

Andrew and Emyli Floyd '07 Quain had a daughter, Vivian Teresa, on Aug. 10, 2015 (*Ellen*, 2).

Kristen Tansor married Kevin Kelly on July 3, 2015.

2007

Patrick Edwards and Katie Rose Gough were married in October 2014.

Morgan Wick Henning had a son, Cecil Everett, on June 25, 2015 (*Nicholas*).

Cole Herwaldt is the operations supervisor at the Northwest Arctic School District in Alaska. In the summer, he is a trail tech/wildland firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service in the Bob Marshall Wilderness of Montana.

Sarah Madalinski works for Venuworks, and is the marketing director for four entertainment venues in Cedar Rapids, Iowa: U.S. Cellular Center Arena, Paramount Theatre, McGrath Amphitheatre, and Cedar Rapids Ice Arena.

Mike Murphy married **Alyssa Ali '09** in October 2013.

Jacob Osterbur is a hospitalist at Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.



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Meghan McCullough Peterson had a son, Wyatt Neil, on Dec. 26, 2014 (*Drew*; Vivian).

Andrew '06 and Emyli Floyd Quain had a daughter, Vivian Teresa, on Aug. 10, 2015 (Ellen, 2).

Katherine Zlabek published *Let the Rivers Clap Their Hands*, her first chapbook of short stories. She earned her M.F.A. from Western Michigan University and her Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati, where she was a Taft Dissertation Fellow.

2008

Julius Gyls graduated with a master's of education, international higher education in December 2014. He is assistant director at Chengdu American Center for Study Abroad in Chengdu, China, and an instructor at Sichuan University.

Jessica Feinman received a Master of Science in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University in 2015. She is program coordinator at Center for Families in Madison, Wis.

Ryan and Jori Slack '09 Griffith had a daughter, Thea, on June 8, 2015. They both received their master's degrees from Northwestern University in 2014. Ryan is vice president at Tyree and D'Angelo Partners.

Marc Hayes had a daughter, Abigail, on Aug. 18, 2015 (*Amanda*).

Chantal Milem Irish had a son, John David, on Dec. 6, 2014 (*John*).

Benjamin '09 and Cambria Cook Krueger had a daughter, Cora Ilene Krueger, in August 2014. Cambria is a consumer safety officer for the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in Detroit, Mich.

Jay and Karen Stanfa '09 Mansk had a daughter, Haley Catherine, on Oct. 15, 2015.

Abbigail Killinger Meeker had a son, Rogue Alexander, on Nov. 25, 2014 (*Alex*; Rhya, 3).

Laura Campagna Spawn had a son, Charlie, in July 2015 (*Justin*).

Sophia Willer married Thomas Pelling on June 6, 2015. She is a resident physician at Midwestern University.

2009

Alyssa Ali married **Mike Murphy '07** in October 2013. Alyssa is an on-air television reporter for Fox Sports, Arlington Park, WGN-TV and HRTV. She also appears on ESPN1000 and 120 Sports.



From the left, Andrea Heinz '07 Marrinson with her students in Dubai, at an art show in Bangkok, and on a field trip to Morocco.

'07 grad helps recruit students 8,000 miles away

By Rachel Reiter '18

Andrea Heinz '07 Marrinson always knew she would be an art teacher. But when she began teaching at an Illinois elementary school after graduation, little did she know of the international adventures awaiting her in the cities of Minburi, Dubai and Hanoi.

Marrinson credits Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, professor of art at Augustana, as her inspiration for teaching and living internationally. "She is probably the reason I'm teaching abroad right now, because if I wouldn't have gone on that Ghana term, I doubt I would've ever left the United States."

Currently, Marrinson is teaching art for grades 2-5 at the United Nations International School of Hanoi in Vietnam. The institution's students and faculty represent more than 60 nationalities. Her husband, a high school English instructor at the school, is taking a year off to stay at home with their infant son, whom the couple adopted from the Marshall Islands last summer.

"I met my husband on Match.com...we were both teaching in schools that were only 45 minutes away from each other in Illinois," Marrinson said. "I left our first date knowing that he was it. We were married in Lake Villa, Ill., and we left 12 hours after our wedding to relocate to Thailand and start our international teaching careers together."

Although their experiences abroad have introduced new challenges, Marrinson and her husband enjoy learning about unique people and cultures. "Being in an international setting is just amazing," she noted. "But when I moved to Thailand, I had to redesign the whole elementary curriculum. I also had a lot of ESL students and students who didn't speak any English at all."

For Marrinson, it was her liberal arts background that prepared her for these obstacles. And, as time goes on, her belief in Augustana's mission continues to grow. "I am very thankful to Augustana's education department for giving me such a solid foundation...I really appreciate a lot of the constructivist methods that [Dr. Michael Schroeder] taught us because that has helped me quite a bit," she said.

Holding her college experience in high regard, Marrinson is honored and motivated to share the Augustana tradition with her students. She receives "care packages" from Augustana's admissions office full of goodies for her students and pennants

to hang on her classroom door. "I have absolutely no regrets about going to Augustana, and if I can give that experience to someone else, I would feel very, very thankful," she said.

In March, Marrinson had the opportunity to connect students in Hanoi with Augustana's admissions office. Liz Nino, director of international recruitment, traveled to Hanoi to meet with prospective students. "My job is to connect them to campus, connect them to faculty, other students in their programs," Nino said. "I make sure that they know they are welcome to ask all of those important questions regarding the college." Augustana's largest pool of international applicants is from Southeast Asia, with Vietnam yielding the most interest and commitment from students. China and Sweden are close behind.

Nino says alumni are extremely influential during the international recruitment process. "[Prospective students] have to find ways to connect with the schools that they're applying to," she said. "And that's when I typically reach out to alumni. If they can share their stories, I think that's what really makes us stand out from other institutions."

She believes that Augustana students and faculty on study abroad trips also can have an impact on local high schoolers they meet by speaking with prospective families.

"We get applications from the most unexpected places in the world, even Mali, Argentina and Bosnia," she noted.

As someone who has worked, studied and traveled extensively throughout her lifetime, Nino understands the importance of creating international relationships. "It just makes life so much more interesting when you have that diversity," she said.

Marrinson couldn't agree more.

International alumni: What are you doing now? Where have your travels taken you? How did your Augustana experience inspire you? Please direct any questions and/or interest in assisting with international recruitment to Liz Nino at liznino@augustana.edu.

Kayla Bliton married Joe Kimbell in May 2015. She is the chief resident in her last year of her family practice residency near Detroit, Mich.

Parker Caby and **Meghan Leahy** were married on Oct. 4, 2015. She is a first-grade teacher in the Hawthorn School District.

Ryan '08 and **Jori Slack Griffith** had a daughter, Thea, on June 8, 2015. They both received their master's degrees from Northwestern in 2014.

Alex Hartz and **Kelsey Duhai** were married on Aug. 1, 2015. He earned a master's in educational design and technology from Concordia University in January 2015.

Kenneth Knepler married Allison Stover in 2014.

Benjamin and **Cambria Cook '08 Krueger** had a daughter, Cora Ilene Krueger, in August of 2014.

Jay '08 and **Karen Stanfa Mansk** had a daughter, Haley Catherine, on Oct. 15, 2015.

Heather Moore married Andy Weigel on April 25, 2015. She is a school psychologist at Summit School District 104 in Summit, Ill.

Lisa Neverman married Royce Woodroffe on June 6, 2015. She is in her second year of pediatrics residency at University of Iowa Children's Hospital, after graduating from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 2014.

Kiley Rae Peters graduated in December 2015 from St. Louis University School of Nursing as a family psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner.

2010

Kaitlyn Babicz graduated from Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and is now a mixed animal veterinarian in Richland Center, Wis.

Michael Coveney married **Lauren Brooke Rouse '11** on Oct. 31, 2015. He is an assistant district attorney in Danielsville, Ga. Brooke is the accounting manager at Graduate Athens Hotel in Athens, Ga.

Heather Conte graduated in May 2015 with a Master of Science Degree in mathematics from Governors State University.

Kimberly Hernandez Fischer and her husband, Greg, work in Brazil, with Maryknoll Lay Missioners, using their education degrees to reach marginalized peoples in São Paulo.

Monica Seif married Jon Mercer on Oct. 18, 2014.

Alison Tunnicliff is pursuing a master's in teaching at National-Louis University in Chicago.

2011

Krista Kazmer Mathson received a Doctor of Optometry from Illinois College of Optometry in 2015. She is an optometrist at For Eyes Optical.

James McSpadden is enrolled in North Central College's M.B.A. program.

Lauren Brooke Rouse married **Michael Coveney '10** on Oct. 31, 2015. She is the accounting manager at Graduate Athens Hotel in Athens, Ga. Michael is an assistant district attorney in Danielsville, Ga.

Rachel Shipley married **Jason Wagner '12** on Oct. 24, 2015.

2012

Jonny Carlson married **Hannah Maloney '13**.

Jason Wagner married **Rachel Shipley '11** on Oct. 24, 2015.

Margaret Williams married David Nadeau on Aug. 21, 2015. She is a corporate/financial publisher at Fitzgerald Marketing & Communications.

2013

Kaitlyn Ainswoth works in the Belvidere (Ill.) school district.

Sarah Block is pursuing her doctorate of physical therapy, specializing in patients with neurologic disorders.

Amelia Garza received a Master of Arts from Texas Woman's University in 2015.

Katie Lambrecht married Doug Yoeckel in October 2013. She began working for Pleasant Valley, Iowa, schools in the IT department in the fall of 2015.

Hannah Maloney married **Jonny Carlson '12**. She is marketing manager for a telecom infrastructure services company.

Emily Margosian graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in May 2015 with a master's in new arts journalism, and began working as a content specialist at the American Academy of Dermatology.

Jane Nagle married Jacob O'Rourke in October 2014.

Stephanie Schultz is a fifth-grade teacher in the Wheaton-Warrenville CUSD200.

Kelsey Sundwall graduated from Loyola University's Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program. She is a nurse on a general medicine unit at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth Tressel is pursuing her Master of Science in Education in school counseling. She is an intern in the Bettendorf Community School District.

2014

Michael Buric is a financial advisor with Thrivent Financial in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Elizabeth Carpenter is pursuing a master's in speech-language pathology at Midwestern University.

Natelee Daisy works full-time at Clear Channel Outdoor in Chicago, and also works part-time at ESPN AM1000 on the promotions team, traveling throughout the Chicago area for live broadcasts.

Sherman '14 shares her love of animals



As a seasonal zookeeper at Brookfield Zoo, **Natalie Sherman '14** works with the "ambassador" animals, such as this Great Horned Owl named Athena. The ambassadors are taken out of their enclosures so visitors can get up close and learn more about them. Sherman also works with the zoo's Red Pandas. One of her favorite "jobs" is to provide daily enrichment to keep the animals physically and mentally active. The Red Pandas love scents, so Sherman treats them to bags filled with different spices to smell and roll in. All in a day's work.

Hannah Estes is working at Trans Union as a business analyst.

Priscilla Hustak is an associate scientist in R&D at Abbott Laboratories.

Sarah Martin is pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing at DePaul University. She is the student scheduler for DePaul, and volunteers at the student-run inter-professional community clinic.

Amanda Smet is pursuing her master's in social work at Saint Ambrose University, and works at Limitless Potential, Inc.

Lauranne "Annie" Schone is pursuing a master's in early intervention in deaf education at Fontbonne University, and works as the service and community engagement graduate assistant.

William Thompson earned a master's in biomedical sciences from Iowa State University in 2015.

Austin Zarbuck passed his CPA exam in 2015 and began a new job at Grant Thornton.

2015

Molly Bunkofske is a graduate research assistant at the University of Georgia in Athens. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in microbiology.

Elise Davis is pursuing a master's in public health at A&M Health Science Center, with a concentration in epidemiology.

Astin Moravek is a third-grade teacher at Wells Elementary in East Moline, Ill.

Madison Neece is a computer skills teacher for adult English language learners in St. Paul, Minn.

Landon Neese is pursuing his Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Iowa College.

Adam Populorum is a project manager and implementation consultant for Epic in Madison, Wis.

Blaire Theuerkauf is pursuing a law degree at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago.

Hunter Winstead and **Samantha McGreer** were married on June 6, 2015.

DEATHS

Notices received as of January 17, 2016

Alice Lindstrom '39 Dolph on Nov. 25, 2015.

Verna Taylor '39 Summerford on July 31, 2015.

Virginia Strieter '41 Hull on Sept. 10, 2015.

William Spitznas '42 on Dec. 6, 2015.

Kathleen Miller '44 Ellis on Aug. 25, 2015.

William Jacobson '45 on Jan. 16, 2015. Survivors include his wife, DeLois Nygren '47 Jacobson.

A. Marivene Millett '47 Brown on Nov. 29, 2015.

Kathleen Danley '47 Thompson on Aug. 2, 2015.

Ruby VanZandbergen '49 Jecks on Sept. 28, 2015.

Phyllis Johnston, wife of **Donald Johnston '49**, on Aug. 18, 2015.

Donald Johnston '49 on Dec. 23, 2015. Survivors include son, Gary Johnston '81; daughter, Cynthia Johnston '83 Paxton; brother, Bruce Johnston '51; brother, Kenneth Johnston '59; and nephew, Noel Johnston '91.

Dorothy Youngvorst '49 Powers on Dec. 12, 2015.

Robert Rhoads '49 on May 29, 2015.

Beatrice Bergendoff '49 Wilson on July 20, 2015. She was the daughter of Augustana President Emeritus Dr. Conrad Bergendoff. Among survivors are her daughter, Katherine Wilson '73 Harris-Wollburg, and her sister, Elizabeth Bergendoff '58 Thulin. Her brother, Conrad L. Bergendoff '44, died in 2002.

Burdette Johnson '50 on Nov. 21, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Groneman '51 Johnson.

Roy Gustafson '51 on Oct. 23, 2015.

Richard Holmen '51 on Dec. 27, 2015.

Ernest Laroque '51 on April 20, 2015.

William Scott '51 on Nov. 19, 2015.

Wesley Whiteside '51 on July 18, 2015.

Muriel Nash '52 Blomberg on Sept. 9, 2015. Survivors include her daughter, Elody Blomberg '74 Crimi.

Jack Coke '52 on Dec. 13, 2014.

Robert Stromberg '52 on July 20, 2014.

Greta Appleton '53 Kurrle on Nov. 8, 2015. Survivors include her husband, John Robert Kurrle, and a daughter, Gail Kurrle '83 Wilkinson.

Donna McMullen '53 Paulson on Dec. 27, 2013.

Howard Pearson '53 on Oct. 16, 2014.

Robert Proteau '53 on Nov. 11, 2015.

David Swanson '53 on Jan. 10, 2016. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; sister, Janice Swanson '55 Moore; and sister, Constance Swanson '57.

Harold Wimmer '53 on June 30, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Wimmer.

Donald Carlson '54 on Aug. 10, 2015.

Irvin "Ike" Kaighin '54 on Oct. 4, 2015.

Donna Brenstrom '54 Mann on June 29, 2015.

Gene Long '55 on Dec. 23, 2015. His survivors include his wife, Marian Long, and granddaughter, Angela Mitchum '08 Sharp.

Patricia Ilten '55 Page on Sept. 3, 2015. She is survived by her husband, John Page.

Roy Schueneman, husband of **Marilyn Busekros '55 Schueneman**, on July 13, 2015.

Phyllis "Pep" Peterson '55 Wagner on Dec. 16, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Jack Wagner '54.

Carol Johnson '56 Houger on Oct. 18, 2015.

Carol Foster '56 Krogh on Dec. 9, 2015. Survivors include her daughter, Kathryn Krogh '78 Herbst.

Harriet Fertig '57 Joens on Oct. 2, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Joens.

Robert Johnson '57 on Aug. 27, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Letitia Yao, and a sister, Mary Johnson '62 Savely.

Beulah Strieter '57 Snyder on Sept. 15, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Leonard.

Paul R. Stone '57 on Oct. 6, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Carol.

Rose Taylor '58 Andresen on Sept. 9, 2015.

Lloyd Larsen '58 on Nov. 1, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Janet Baker '58 Larsen.

Peter Wildemuth '58 on Nov. 5, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Sheila.

William Barnds '59 on Oct. 4, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Deanna Gustafson '59 Barnds.

Roger Sande '59 on Sept. 14, 2015. Survivors include his wife, Mary Sakulich '59 Sande.

Elizabeth Metz, wife of **Robert Metz '60**, died on Dec. 12, 2014.

Margaret "Peggy" Anderson '60 on January 17, 2016.

Judy Rossow '60 Sundquist on Sept. 14, 2015. Survivors include her husband, Jim Sundquist '60, and her son, Douglas Sundquist '81

Paula Youngberg '60 Arnell on Sept. 11, 2015. Survivors include her husband, Richard Arnell; a daughter, Carla Arnell '91; and her sister, Karin Youngberg '58.

Betsy Scott '61 Young on Nov. 24, 2015.

Arthur Mercer '62 on Oct. 16, 2013.

Roger Olson '62 on Dec. 6, 2014. Survivors include a daughter, Janel Olson '91 Bottalla.

Hubert Johnson '62 on Oct. 4, 2015.

Thomas Rowold '63 on Sept. 23, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Landa Kuster '65 Rowold.

John Haney '64 on Aug. 28, 2015.

William Herath '68 on Jan. 7, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.

Judy Burgett '68 Winzig on Nov. 25, 2015.

James Brumund '70 on March 12, 2014.

Roberta Swanson '70 on Oct. 30, 2015.

Christine Larson '72 Renquist on Dec. 3, 2015.

Thomas Aring '73 on Sept. 26, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Remedios.

Paul F. Pearson '73 on Nov. 27, 2014.

Paula Johnson '74 Ross on Nov. 28, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Walter.

(Alice) Colleen Burns '78 Kannenberg on Nov. 24, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Darry.

Mark Malbrough, husband of **Kimberly Wilson '04** Malbrough, on Sept. 2, 2015.

Remembering Margaret "Peggy" Anderson '60



Peggy Anderson, 2010

Margaret "Peggy" Anderson '60 died on Jan. 17, 2016. She was 77.

Anderson's obituary in *The New York Times* described her as the "chronicler of the nursing profession." To correct stereotypes about nurses and the profession, Anderson wrote the nonfiction bestseller *Nurse*. The 1978 book sold more than

two million copies and become the basis for a television movie and series of the same name.

Although her mother had been a nurse, Anderson never intended to follow in her footsteps.

"She really bloomed when she got to Augustana," Pauline Fehlman, a friend of Anderson's, told suburban Chicago's *Daily Herald*. "She was the editor of the college newspaper, the *Observer*, and a frequent contributor to its magazine, *Saga*. She clearly had an interest in publishing and writing."

After graduating from Augustana, Anderson taught English in the West African nation of Togo, as a member of the Peace Corps. When she returned to the United States, she was hired as a reporter for *The Washington Monthly* and then *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. She left reporting in 1972 to devote her time to writing books.

Fifty years after she graduated, Anderson returned to campus to read from *Nurse*, as part of Augustana's River Readings series.

In addition, Anderson is responsible for one of the college's most creatively named gift funds. She established the Camel & Croc Fund in memory of Carolyn Ekdahl '60 Wylie, her one-time roommate. Ekdahl was the first Augustana student accepted into the Peace Corps; Anderson was the second. After their return from the Philippines and Togo, respectively, they talked of opening a Camel & Croc Shop to sell handmade items from Peace Corps countries. Although they never opened the shop, Anderson and Ekdahl remained friends until Ekdahl died in 2004.

The Peggy Anderson Creative Writer award, made possible by the Camel & Croc Fund, is one of the English department's yearly awards to honor good writing.

"It is considered the premier prize," said Dr. Joseph McDowell, chair of the Division of Language and Literature.

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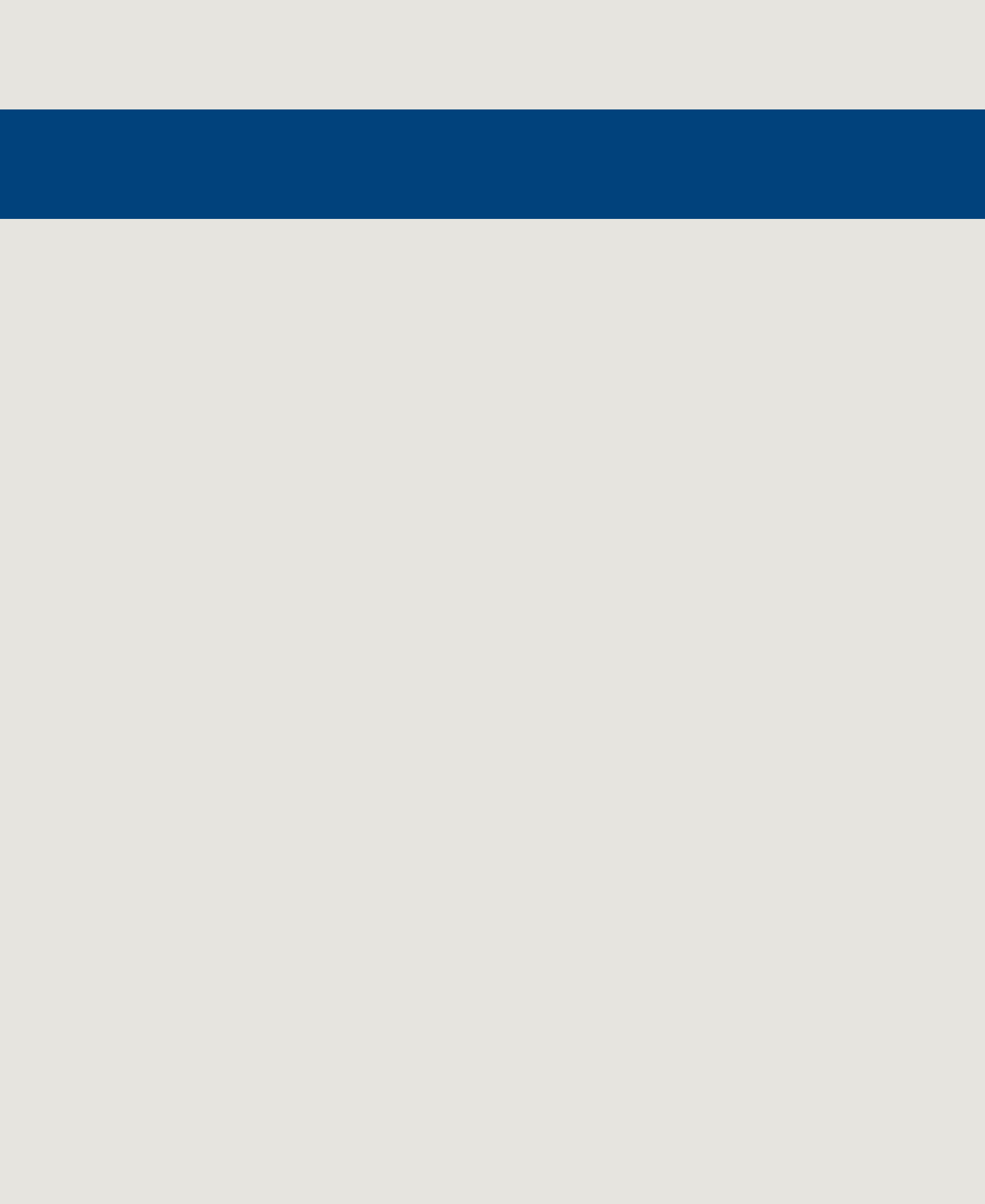


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ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

After advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight, the Vikings men's basketball team fell to #8 St. Thomas (86-76) before another standing-room-only Carver Center crowd to end a remarkable run at 29-2.

Milestones: This season's journey included a number of remarkable achievements; here are just a few:

29 wins equal the most ever in school history.

29-2 record equals best ever by a CCIW conference team.

Compiled **56-7** (89% winning record) the last two years and **7-2** in NCAA tournament play.

Won back-to-back CCIW regular season and CCIW Tournament **championships**.

Seniors **Ben Ryan** and **Tayvian Johnson** each played in more games (**118**) and contributed to more wins (**95**) than any players in school history.

Seniors **Ryan**, **Johnson** and **Hunter Hill** became just the second trio from the same class to eclipse the 1,000-point career scoring mark—only **John Laing**, **Mark Brooks** and **Chuck Menzer** from the Class of 1973 have done the same.

Senior co-captain Hunter Hill was named to the NCAA Division III All-America first team and the D3hoops.com All-Central Region team for the second straight year (sharing regional Player of the Year honors), and he was named CCIW Player of the Year for the second straight year.

